

**MINUTES OF
LEGISLATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE
HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY
2ND FLOOR – CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2009**

AGENDA

1. Call to order and establish quorum.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Representative Eddie Holguin approximately 9:09 am. It was determined that there was a quorum with the following Committee Members present:

Chair Representative Eddie Holguin
Representative Emma Acosta
Representative Carl Robinson
Representative Beto O'Rourke

2. Approval of Minutes of April 04, 2009

A motion was made by Representative Emma Acosta and seconded by Representative Eddie Holguin to approve the Minutes of April 04, 2008. The motion passed.

AYES: Representative Holguin, Robinson, Acosta, & O'Rourke
NAYES: None
NOT PRESENT: N/A

3. Discussion and action on requesting \$100,000 for MHMR every year from CDBG funds. [Representative Eddie Holguin, District 6, 915-541-4178]

4. Discussion and action on entering into an interlocal agreement/contract with the City of El Paso and the MH/MR Sun City Employee Assistance Program for all non uniform employees of the City of El Paso. [Representative Eddie Holguin, District 6, 915-541-4178]

David Almonte gave a brief summary on this item followed by questions from the Representatives.

Motion made by Representative Acosta, seconded by Representative Robinson that the City Manager and designee to review and see if there is an inner-agency arrangement that would allow to accept an unsolicited proposal that is reasonable, meet the City's needs, is equally cost effective and bring back to council if need be.

AYES: Representative Acosta, Holguin, Robinson, & O'Rourke
NAYES: None
NOT PRESENT: N/A

5. Discussion and action on whether to deed the City building that houses MH/MR (3410 Morenci Ave.) to MHMR. [Representative Eddie Holguin, District 6, 915-541-4178]

6. Discussion and action on other opportunities or other types of collaborations between MH/MR and the City of El Paso including but not limited to mental health crisis management with the police department, and other types of arrangements that the City can make for mentally ill people who are in crisis and who are in police custody or in the County jail. [Representative Eddie Holguin, District 6, 915-541-4178]

Items 3 through 6 were read in together. William Lilly, Director of Community Development, spoke on the items followed by questions and comments from Representative Acosta, Holguin, Robinson and O'Rourke. Gary Larcenaire, CEO of MHMR, spoke as well as Selena Quintana, CFO for MHMR, Judge Anthony Cobos, County Attorney Rodriguez and MHMR Board Chair Richard Holt.

Public Comment was taken at 9:37am with the following speaking: Alfredo Perales, Julio Juarez & Roberto Parra

Motion made by Representative O'Rourke, seconded by Representative Robinson to clear up the terms of the interlocal agreement with the City of El Paso and the MH/MR and that the City Manager or designee and Mr. Gary Larcenaire or designee come to an agreement on what, if anything, the City still owes for the amount to come before council for approval.

AYES: Representative Holguin, Castro, Acosta, & O'Rourke

NAYES: None

NOT PRESENT: N/A

Motion made by Representative O'Rourke, seconded by Representative Robinson to get out of the interlocal agreement between the City of El Paso and MH/MR, however, is willing, through At-Hawk and emergency basis look at funding in the future if the County of El Paso is unwilling to do so.

AYES: Representative Holguin, Castro, & O'Rourke

NAYES: Representative Acosta

NOT PRESENT: N/A

Motion made by Representative O'Rourke, seconded by Representative Robinson to work with Mayor Cook, Sylvia Firth and office to push and hold accountable our state delegation and the rest of the legislature to fund the mental health needs of this community appropriately and it be a top legislative priority.

AYES: Representative Holguin, Castro, Acosta, & O'Rourke

NAYES: None

NOT PRESENT: N/A

7. Adjournment

Motion made by Representative Eddie Holguin, seconded by Representative Carl Robinson and unanimously carried to ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:55 a.m.

AYES: Representative Holguin, Robinson, Acosta, & O'Rourke

NAYES: None

NOT PRESENT: N/A

Approved as to form: _____

Deputy City Manager

Date